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INTELLIGENCE SCHOOL SEEKS MORE RECRUITS

Lt. Thomas P. Davis of the Camp Savage Language School in Minnesota arrived in the City last night from the Heart Mountain relocation center to interview prospective enlistees for the military intelligence school which plans to open a new class in Japanese instruction for 250 nisei men beginning July 1.

Candidates who have previously filed their application for Camp Savage have been notified to report to the recruiting office, which is established at the east end of Rec 23, it was pointed out. Others interested are requested to inquire at the same location.

Lt. Davis and Staff Sergeant Takashi Matsui, who accompanied him to assist in the processing, are expected to leave tomorrow afternoon.

NON-CITIZENS MAY SERVE ON COUNCIL

A motion was unanimously approved to amend a section of the Constitution of Topaz qualifying non-citizen residents to serve as members of the City Council last Monday afternoon by the Councilmen. Recent changes in the WRA administrative instructions now qualify all residents over the age of 21 to hold elective positions.

Masao Satow, former chairman of the Community Council of Granada and currently assisting with the YMCA organizational movement in the various relocation centers, addressed the Council and presented a comprehensive discussion on the background and progress made by the community government at the Granada center.

Mike Maruyama has succeeded Tsune Baba as chairman of the Council.

EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL VISITS CITY

The Utah State Advisory Council of Education was in the Project yesterday to study the ramifications of community life here with special emphasis on education in terms of academic achievement and relocation objectives. Headed by Chairman Charles H. Skidmore, state

PROVO CAMP PLANS REVEALED

With representatives of the US Employment Service, the Department of Agriculture and other agencies participating in the program, a public forum on permanent and seasonal relocation problems was discussed last night at Dining Hall 32. Approximately 250 residents attended.

William L. Mildenhall of the USES pointed out that plentiful work in berries, fruits and vegetables, both in the fields and canneries, was assured in the Provo area where the tent camp for Japanese workers is situated.

Details of the labor project as presented by James Bartlett, manager of the Farm Security camp, showed that each tent with wooden floors is provided with 4 cots, a table, 2 benches, straw mattresses, and a kerosene 2-burner stove. He added that cooking would be done on a family basis, but that if the residents so desired, a central dining kitchen would probably be provided.

Other speakers on the program were: S.R. Roswell, Utah County agricultural agent; Harold J. Mower, senior interviewer of the USES; Clark Allred, regional director of the FSA; and Ivan Burr, head of the Fruit Growers' association.

The showings of 2 motion picture reels on Utah agricultures completed the program.

superintendent of public instruction, the committee included: Franklin Stewart Harris, president of Brigham Young University; Dr. Arthur Beeley, professor of sociology at the University of Utah; Dr. John C. Carlisle, associate professor of education; W.A. Paxton, superintendent of the Millard County district; Rulon Hinckley, instructor in Millard County, and William J. Stanley, manager of the Stevens Store in Delta.

At the 2 o'clock afternoon conference in the office of the chief of the Community Services, the group conferred with 35 administrative heads and representative residents on problems vital to the administration of Project policies and basic philosophies of the relocation program viewed through present and post-war conditions. Methods of alleviating the teacher-shortage situation, a paramount problem in Topaz, were also discussed. LeGrand Noble, superintendent of education here, was chairman.

THOMAS R. BODINE TO VISIT CENTER

Thomas R. Bodine, field director of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, will visit the City May 14 to 19, it was reported by the Youth department of the Community Welfare section.

He will meet with high school and relocation students and their parents Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock at 32-1-CD. The program for his stay will be announced later.

WEATHER REPORT

Max. (Mon. night) 80° F.
Min. (Tues. morn.) 39° F.

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THE MAIL BOX RE: VOLUNTEERS FOR VICTORY



I have just sent my copy to a prominent American Legion man who is just beginning to see the light. Others will, for at heart most of us white folks are fair minded if temporarily hysterical. A goodly number are now realizing how closely our attitudes on all racial matters parallel those of Hitler. May our tribe increase!.....I predict that you will return to a country ashamed of its hypocrisy--a country more democratic, understanding and friendly. Your volunteering has speeded this awakening.

William C. Carr,
Pasadena, California

The word it carries of the approval of the enlistment of American citizens of Japanese parentage is long overdue. It is only simple justice, if tardy. The only objection I have to the policy is that the units of Japanese Americans are to be separated units. I see no point in a "segregated" army of American citizens on the basis of race, national ancestry or color.

Paul E. Pruetze,
Univ. of Connecticut

It is good to know that all Americans are anxious and willing to serve their country, and it is to be hoped that you can find places where you can best serve.

Walter K. Granger, M.C.,
Representative from Utah
Washington, D.C.

I have always had faith that persons born in the United States and educated here in our public school systems could not help but become good Americans. I say that because American opportunities and American ideals are such that thoughtful persons cannot help but embrace them if they have an understanding of history and if they have any theory about the purposefulness of life and the worthwhileness of men on the earth. I trust that we will learn in this war that men regardless of their blood can become and do become good Americans.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah,
Chairman of US Senate Committee
on Education and Labor

I am glad that the unfortunate situation in regard to our Japanese citizens is being cleared up and I hope that it will speedily go farther than it has already. I sympathize with you in your difficulties and appreciate greatly the fine spirit that you have shown as manifested in this circular. I may add that we have in our College a student from Topaz, Mary Ono. She has made a place for herself in our midst and she likes everything here so far as I can learn. We think she is a very fine young lady and I am very glad to have her here as one of our students.

D.T. Schoonover, President,
Marietta College, Ohio

DESERT Echoes

FISH STORY

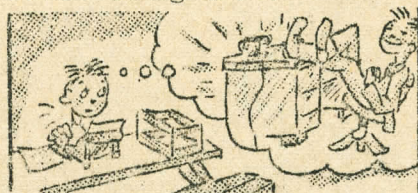
We hear that catching the dumb carp in the Topaz creeks is like selling straw hats at the canteen. The poor fish are so gullible that they even nibble at your little finger. But that's not why we are mentioning them in this column. We feel that there ought to be an unwritten fishing code whereby all dumb carp under three inches are thrown back into the streams. Since we were bitten by a vicious insect some time ago we've been extremely conscious of our tiny winged neighbors and we've come to the conclusion that a mighty nice way to eliminate the pests was by allowing the carp to live so that they could eat the numerous larvae in the streams.

CRIMSON STREAMERS

If all the red tape in Topaz were put end to end, it would stretch around the camp twenty-five times eliminating the barb-wire fence. Some one should try to trace the memoirs of an office memo.....

ANOTHER FIRST

Did you know that Project Reports was the first division other than the mess halls which used mess hall tables and that the same mess hall tables are still being used?



FILE AND FORGET

The oldest living nisei in America is a Topaz resident. Born in San Francisco, he is over 60 years old.....There are two ichthyologists in the Center.Topaz has an embalmer-undertaker.....Around 600 people in Topaz were farmers prior to evacuation, over half of them being nurserymen and gardeners.. ..Two former carnival and circus men are now living in Topaz, one having traveled all over the world.. ...1202 are working in the mess halls out of 3953 who are employed in the City.

Henri Takahashi

Job Openings

3 DENTAL TECHNICIANS--

Detroit, Mich. 1 experienced gold or metal finisher, \$30-\$45 per week; 1 experienced finisher and polisher, \$30-\$45 per week; 1 experienced plaster worker, \$25-\$35 per week.

NURSES--Graduate nurse, \$125 per month and maintenance, and undergraduate nurse with 2 years training, \$100 per month and maintenance, Holyoke, Colo.; 2 graduate nurses at \$80 per month and full maintenance, Chicago, Ill.

MECHANIC--Cicero, Ill. Percentage basis, possibility of \$35 per week and up; auto experience desirable but not essential.

CLERK-ASSISTANT--Cleveland, Ohio. \$105 per month, clerical routines and typing; temporary housing at YWCA; female.

TURKEY BROODING--Clearfield. 4 males for steady employment, \$32.50 per week; and housing; 1 man at American Fork.

CANNERY--Provo. Need 50 workers; 40¢ per hr or piece work for women, 50¢ per hr on farm and 60¢ per hr in factory for men. Prepare, can corn and peel tomatoes and peaches.

DOMESTIC--Utica, Ill. \$125 per month for couple, 3 rooms, board, bath and uniforms. Will consider couple with child. Wife to cook, serve, care of house, laundry. Man to care garden part time.

DOMESTIC--Salt Lake City. \$10 per week, room and board with radio. General housework, little laundry and ironing.

ELEVATOR OPERATORS--Chicago, Ill. 2 females at \$70 per month. No experience required.

DOMESTIC--Chicago, Ill. \$60 per month, room, board and radio. Care of child and general housework.

DOMESTIC--Lake Forest, Ill. Want couple. \$125 per month. 2 rooms bath and dining room. Wife to cook and second work. Man to care grounds as well as inside work.

DOMESTIC--Brookings, South Dakota. Girl at \$10 per week, room and board. General housework.

NYA EQUIPMENT ARRIVES; CLASSES TO BEGIN SOON

With the arrival of equipment from Salt Lake City, all of the proposed NYA classes in clerical, power sewing and woodshop instruction are expected to commence very shortly when the installation of machinery and the partitioning of classrooms are completed next week, it was reported by I.H. Helander, regional shop supervisor from Denver who is now in Topaz to direct the installation work.

WORK ON POULTRY HOUSES BEGIN

With the recent approval by the WPB for the construction of 28 poultry houses, work on the concrete foundations of the first 2 buildings was started this week in Section 14, according to Henry Omi of the poultry section.

With 500 poultts expected to be shipped here the latter part of this month, the turkey farm in Section 28 is being rapidly pushed to completion. Omi added that the present plan calls for the eventual enlargement of this project to supply the entire poultry needs of the community.

FURUKI-NAKAHARA WIN TOURNAMENT

Scoring a total of 39 match points, the team of Shig Furuki and Tosh Nakahara took first place honors at the open bridge tournament held last Sunday night at Rec 1 and were awarded 12 rating points. The team of Louis Okamoto and Norman Nakashima placed second and received 8 rating points.

This was the first of the series of four tournaments to be held on successive Sundays and the two players who aggregates the highest number of rating points for the four tournaments will be awarded silver cups. The silver cups are on display at the Administration canteen.

Included in the lot of equipment now here are 40 typewriters, mimeograph, mimeoscope and comptometer for clerical training and 36 power sewing machines and 4 special machines for the sewing department and 10 major machines for the woodshop. Other equipment for the sewing department is expected to arrive soon.

The qualification, training and pay of the students will be identical with any other NYA establishment outside. Young men and women who are interested in the courses offered may file their application with Charles Holding, supervisor of the organization in this Center, at Warehouse 112.

Topaz is the first relocation center in which a NYA training is being established.

Soldiers On Leave

In Topaz since April 29 to visit relatives and friends are the following soldiers of the US Army:

Pfc. Hiroshi Saito, Camp Carson, Colorado.

Pvt. Toshimasa Kawahara, Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Pvt. Shigeto Ishida, Ft. Warren, Wyoming.

Pfc. Masamitsu Ishida, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Pfc. George Shiraishi, Ft. Bliss, Texas.

Tech. Sgt. Kenji Takahashi, Ft. Snelling, Minn.

'ROAD TO SINGAPORE' FEATURED

"Road to Singapore," the "Land of Love, Lamour and Languor, Laughs, Looniness and Liltng Lyrics", where complications in the romantic lives of the pair burst into a riot of laughs.

The comedy carries 2 showings start from sea-adventurers to Kaigoon, 8:15 PM.

TOPAZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND ORGANIZED; IN OPERATION

To render financial assistance to needy and superior senior students of the high school, the Topaz Scholarship Fund was established in the Project recently, through the co-ordinated efforts of The Education department, Parent Teacher's Association, Community Council and other representative organizations, it was announced today.

Though the majority of the relocated students heretofore had received aid through scholarships released by colleges, denominations and the National Student Relocation Council, it was pointed out that provisions for a sufficient number of qualified students could not be accommodated. The City-wide scholarship program is expected to cover 3 or more students each semester.

A Board of Trustees has been delegated the authority of establishing policies of management for the scholarship fund, and of determining appropriations. Moreover, the board will make student selections through qualifications and interviews, it was indicated.

The trustees are: Chairman George Hoshide; Misses June Morita, Kay Yamashita and Harumi Kawahara; Mrs. Kuni Yatabe, Henry Tani, John Iwatsu, Frank Iwanaga and S. Kagayama.

The Scholarship Fund acknowledged contributions of \$10 from Western College,

PROTESTANTS DISCUSS "THE CRUSADES"

In continuing its studies of the crises of the early Christian societies from the period of Alexander the Great to the development of the churches in America, the Midweek Bible Circle of the Protestant Church will feature the Rev. S. Shimada, who will speak on "The Crusades" Wednesday night at 32-12-D from 7:30 o'clock, according to Bill Fujita, dean. Miss Dorcas Asano will be chairman.

PUBLIC THANKED

The Topaz Scholarship Fund Committee and the Music School jointly wish to express their sincere appreciation to the general public of the City for the donation given at the Music School Faculty Concert on Saturday, May 8.

The donation amounted to \$66.64, according to Frank Iwanaga.

Oxford, Ohio, \$2 from a relocated student, and \$4.25 from a CAS dance.

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THEY WERE EXPENDABLE by W. L. White is a story of the Philippine campaign as seen by the fighting men. White writes frankly as he feels that mistakes concealed from us can never be corrected. The four men interviewed, Bulkeley, Kelly, Cox, and Akers, were the only survivors of the squadron which sailed for the Philippines last summer.

THE ROBE by Lloyd Douglas was completed after a lifetime of research and is by far his most important book. The story traces the life of a young Roman Tribune who cast his

lot at the crucifixion and won Christ's homespun Galilean robe, and later, of that robe's power and influence. Throughout the book, we see many familiar Biblical characters and sense that the disturbing and dramatic era is not unlike our own.

DRIVIN' WOMAN by Elizabeth Chevalier is a love story of a Virginia belle and a river-boat gambler during the fifty years following the Civil War. Built around the rise of the tobacco industry and the development of American trade supremacy it is a highly turbulent drama.

LEAVES

INDEFINITE: Daisy Urabe, Richard Narasaki, Mehiko Katsu, Shinobu Kusunoki, Peter Toma, Matao Shigio, George Muramatsu, Leah Tokunaga, Kana Uyehara, Chiyeeko Katsu, Toshiko Hamachi and Daisy Miyata, Salt Lake City; Satoshi Yamamoto and Toyo Abe, Ogden; Tsuneo Tawa and Kazuo Nambu, Delta; George Ikeda, Sunnyside; Takeo and Shigetoshi Tsurumoto, Tremonton; Hakutaro Takeda and Tamiyoshi Tsunada, Clearfield; Mitsuo Saito and Isamu Yamakawa, Cleveland, Ohio; William Suenaga, Sydney, Benly and Carol Nobe, Joseph Yamada, Iwao Kawakami, Tom Hoshiyama, Arthur Kariya, Hiromu Akagi and Shizuko Kikuchi, Chicago, Illinois; Kelly Komaru, Royal Oaks, Michigan; James Nishimura, Savage, Minnesota; Tsuneichiro Baba and Ichiro Akiya, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Charles Ushigusa, Detroit, Michigan; and Marigold Muramatsu, Des Moines, Iowa.

SEASONAL: Richard Ito, Masaru Nagata, Yoneo Takahashi, Akira Nakao, Kay Mori, Frank Sunada, Frank Takahashi, Shigeichi Adachi, Seichi Okumura, Sho Hamada, Thomas Tabato, Heiji Mayashima, Katsuhiko Suyemoto, Jitsuro Kameoke, Sakushiro Takamoto, Yoshihiro Ikeda, Toraichi Oishi, Ishi Ishizawa, Seichi Abe, Mantaro Fukuoka, and Mabel Elizabeth and George Nemoto, Ogden; Hiroshi Tatehara, Motomi Yokomizo, Seichi Yamamoto, Shigeo Hara and Kenichi Tokunaga, Delta; Hiroshi Endo, Kenji Mihira and Hiroshi Hirashima, Cornish; Yoshihiko Hayashida, Provo; Hideso Nishi, Malad, Idaho; Saichi Joshima, Nounan, Idaho; Frank Sumida, Shelley, Idaho; Masaki Yamashita, Ken Takahashi, Isaac Hananochi, Chikara Takaha, Sakaye Yoshifuji and George Sutow, Caldwell, Idaho.

NOTE:

The Student Relocation office at Rec 30 will be closed hereafter on Wednesday evenings, it was learned today from Miss Kay Yamashita, advisor.

RELOCATION PROCEDURES

In order to further clarify the relocation procedure, the following list of questions was compiled by various members of the Community Services division. The answers were given by Project Director Charles F. Ernst and Chief of the Employment division Claude C. Cornwall.

1. Is it true that the individual who applies for leave for a local agricultural position gets his clearance sooner and easier than the individual who applies for a more distant job in a higher class position?

A. No. Clearance is a function of the Washington office and there are no priorities on clearance.

2. How are jobs frozen and if frozen how can one get out of a temporary job to get another position he's fitted for?

A. In this respect the residents will be in the same status as the whole American people. If a resident chooses a job in an essential industry, it will be expected that he will accept this job under the rules of the War Manpower Commission and change jobs only under those rules.

3. Will the Japanese get prevailing wages or be treated as a minority group?

A. They will receive prevailing wages.

4. What recourse must a family make in order to apply for grants in case they are in need of financial help?

A. These grants are given only when the individual leaves the Center on an indefinite leave for employment. Rules and regulations regarding the grants are available at the Welfare section.

5. What will happen to those who refuse to relocate?

A. No one is forced to leave the Center.

6. Family compositions make it impossible for some to go out. What will be done for such families?

A. The WRA will take care of persons who are not able to work because of circumstances.

7. Are private contractors who recruit workers for the sugar beet fields allowed to solicit workers in all centers?

A. Yes.

8. How rapidly are other project centers placing their residents on indefinite leaves?

A. Topaz is about the second highest on indefinite leaves.

9. Is it the policy of this Project that when a person refuses a reasonable offer for employment outside, he is still employed on his job within the Center?

A. Yes.

10. How carefully have the sub-contracts for beet workers been studied?

A. The WRA field offices do not accept contracts that have not been passed by the US Employment service.

11. Has there been any agency established for employment arbitration between Japanese sugar beet workers and their employers?

A. Yes, the US Department of Agriculture takes care of differences arising between the workers and the employers.

12. If a family leaves the Center on an indefinite leave and finds that they are not making living expenses, are they permitted to re-enter the Center?

A. The WRA field offices or local welfare agencies will give assistance to persons who meet difficulties. If the person desires to return to the Project, he may apply to the Project Director stating his circumstances.

13. If employment terminates, must a person return to the Center?

A. No.

14. If a person leaves his family in the Center, does he have to pay for their expenses to the WRA?

A. No.

15. Does a person have to pay back to the WRA if he receive financial assistance?

A. No.

16. To what extent are the individual record Forms No. 36 being used to find jobs for people in these centers?

A. From WRA Form No. 26, Card No. 12 has been made out. When offers come into the Placement office these cards are referred to.

17. Would you advise acceptance of a low-paying job as a stepping-stone to higher paying jobs?

A. No. This is obviously unfair to the employer and its practice is creating bad public relations.

18. Would it be in order for residents to contact Relocation offices directly.

A. This should be discouraged for the reason that the Relocation offices work on a plan that they will submit the offers and the contacts with the individuals will be made at the Project.

(To be continued)

